

Decisions on TV violence 'must remain with editors'

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Reporters and editors should continue to decide whether to show scenes of horrific violence in television news because it would be wrong to impose statutory guidelines, a panel of broadcasters and an MP says.

The panel at the Edinburgh International Television Festival reached its conclusion yesterday after watching how British and American networks edited 10 minutes of newsfilm of the disaster at the Heysel football stadium in Brussels last year.

Mr Graham Bright, Conservative MP for Luton South, was also invited to edit a two-minute film of the catastrophe. It emerged as the most restrained because he cut two scenes of dying fans which he felt went "a little too far".

He added, however, "I am even more adamant now that you cannot legislate in what is essentially a question of taste and judgement."

"This was a traumatic experience for me. Editors working under pressure obviously have to take decisions by the seat of their pants. You simply cannot have barristers hovering around them in such situations."

Mr Joo Snow, of ITN, said he had been disturbed by the Heysel film, but that there was nothing in the original rushes that he would not have shown.

"There was a desperate disaster that had to be reported and you've just got to use your expertise and professionalism to tell the story. If you deny viewers the opportunity to judge for themselves what's going on you begin to sanitize the real world."

He added, however, that he had seen some "unbelievably nasty" scenes in El Salvador that he felt he could not transmit. "There is a set of basic responses to such things."

Mr Paul Friedman, a director of ABC News, of the United States, agreed that, given the circumstances of the Heysel disaster, he had no objection to screening any of the scenes.

He said he was more concerned about the antiseptic view of violence portrayed in entertainment programmes, in which murder was made more acceptable by reducing it to the image of a bloodstain on a designer shirt.

The most cautious broadcasting view came from Mr Chris Kramer, a BBC news editor, who considered certain Heysel sequences to be unnecessary.

"It is a fact of life that a public broadcasting service must accept that some images they beam into homes may be deeply disturbing to the frail, the frightened and the four-year-olds."

The freeport experiment Advance hampered by Treasury's tax rules

Southampton's freeport is one of the most successful in Britain but it is little more than an international warehouse, not the tax and duty-free haven for job-creating manufacturers envisaged by its creators.

A new sign on the approach road to the zone proclaims: "You are now leaving the customs territory of the European Community - welcome to Southampton Free Trade Zone." It is displayed in warehouses and former shipping line offices by the River Test.

But in spite of optimistic marketing and competitive rates, Southampton loses trade to its European rivals, particularly Hamburg and Rotterdam, because tax and duty concessions allowed on the Continent are not available here.

Championed by right-wing academics, the freeport concept gained ground among backbench Conservative MPs and quickly won the support of the Government, which designated six freeports in 1984 in Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Liverpool and Prestwick and Southampton.



Mr Andrew Kent, of Southampton freeport, who is losing business to European competitors.

The idea of a zone for the import, manufacture and export of goods free from duty, taxes and bureaucracy was seen as a stimulant to industrial growth, but the inducements have proved far from irresistible. Trade has been so slow that Prestwick, Belfast and Cardiff freeports are considering their future.

"If you run a business in the way the Treasury ran freeports you would very quickly not be in business", Mr Andrew Kent, general manager of the Southampton freeport, said. Customs and Excise officials often bore the brunt of criticism about the constraints on freeports for policing the VAT and tax rules laid down by the Treasury, he said.

Individual constraints appear insignificant but when combined with the cautious, if not unwilling approach of Civil Servants to the experiment, the problems loom large.

A case illustrating the problems was that of a prospective customer at Southampton who wanted a consignment of cigarette lighters, going from manufacturers in Japan to the Middle East, to be held at short notice in Europe.

The free zone could meet the request at favourable rates but it had to explain that the lighters would attract excise duty at 50p each, which could be reclaimed, but often months later. The customer went to Rotterdam freeport and saved his money.

Mr Kent likes to show off the 30 flags from the countries in its first eight months and is confident of growing business as an international trading warehouse handling everything from pineapples from the Philippines to weldlog rods from Brazil.

He said: "I think that the expectation of Parliament in establishing the freeports was that they were setting up a classic freeport model but in fact that is not what they put into effect. What the Government has actually set up is an international trading regime."

Final finishing and relabelling goods for different countries are potential areas for expansion but Mr Kent does not foresee manufacturers clamouring to work within freeports.

"Competitors in Europe are offering arrangements and allowances under EEC rules which the Treasury refuses to give us. The cost would be absolutely nothing to the Exchequer. I'm not disappointed or annoyed, but speechless," Mr Kent said.

Freeport operators expected Treasury officials to see the logic of their requests but so far there has been no hint of change. VAT regulations apply in freeports as in the rest of Britain, which effectively discourages anyone assembling or processing goods from using British components. Customs and Excise argues that the 15 per cent VAT can be reclaimed but the process is slow and bureaucratic.

Freeports are not free of excise duty and the Government has refused to allow bonded warehouses within Southampton freeport, where goods such as tobacco and alcohol could be kept subject to a promise to pay the duty.

However, the freeports do reap the substantial benefits of freedom from customs duties and quotas as well as import VAT. But these are not equivalent to foreign territory for customs purposes, a point that competitors exploit. A Spanish freeport, The Zona Franca de Cadiz, in a recent advertisement in *The Economist* promised customers exemption from VAT, land excise and import duties.

Southampton was the first freeport to open in Britain. It employs 30 people and in the first 12 weeks it handled goods worth £12 million through its 500,000 square feet of warehousing.

Its shareholders: Trafalgar House, Kleinwort Benson, Associated British Ports and Ocean Cory, seem confident of continuing success.

The zone has acres of vacant warehousing or dock development for expansion. There are no immediate plans to use them as the future of the freeport experiment is carefully monitored. The shape and role of the freeport in the future is uncertain but it is clear the best hopes for growth and jobs rest with the Government at least allowing it to compete on equal terms with European rivals.

Advisers' role for legal insurers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legal insurance companies are making moves to provide people with the kind of advice they usually seek from solicitors.

Their action comes after a government scrutiny team's report on legal aid suggested that some advice should no longer be provided by solicitors.

The Legal Protection Group, a market leader in legal expenses insurance, is to write to the Lord Chancellor urging that such companies provide legal advice as well as filling the gap which would be left by any withdrawal of legal aid.

Mr Brian Raincock, managing director of the group, says that a key feature of its policies is a 24-hour legal advice service.

It is provided to anyone for a £10 fee.

"The recent government scrutiny report suggests that citizens' advice bureaux take over much of the advice on civil matters from solicitors. We would also like to be part of this service."

The company has eight solicitors to handle such calls, as well as barristers, accountants and industrial relations experts who will offer round-the-clock advice.

The scrutiny report is being seen by legal expenses insurance companies as an incentive to the private sector's role in providing legal services.

It recommended that much civil legal advice be transferred to the advice agencies and that legal aid no longer be available for such personal matters as conveyancing and wills.

The Legal Protection Group will also provide cover for divorce as part of its family policy. The premium is £80 a year with a total annual cover of £250,000.

Divorce and its related disputes on custody and access to children and over property, is one of the biggest drains on the civil legal aid bill.

Allianz Legal Protection which also boasts a 24-hour advice service for its policy holders, now offers cover for criminal prosecutions.

The legal insurance companies want to discuss with the Law Society the professional practice rules, which restrict solicitors from working with such companies and, at the same time, acting for members of the public.

The companies' 24-hour advice services could be regarded as being in breach of these rules.

"We would ultimately like to employ our own team of solicitors to handle the routine claims", Mr Raincock says.

While the Law Society is prepared to establish its own panels of experts, as it has done in the case of mental health and child care, it is likely to take a dim view of such panels being assembled by outside bodies.

Exam pass rates stay constant

Pass rates for A and O level examinations show little change this year in spite of the year-long teachers' pay dispute which led to thousands of children missing lessons and receiving no homework (Lucy Hodges writes).

Although some Scottish children taking the new Standard grade examination were penalised by the teachers' action and ended up receiving a "no-award" certificate, the indications are that the rest of the United Kingdom remained relatively unaffected.

Most of the GCE examination boards report that there is no significant difference between this year's and last year's pass rates. Indeed, in some cases they are better.

The Welsh board's pass rate for A levels has risen to 73.7 per cent from last year's 72.6 per cent. The national average is 70 per cent.

The University of London School Examinations Board has also shown improvement in its A level pass rate, up to 74.7 per cent from last year's 74.5 per cent.

Free newspapers: 2 Battle for share of advertising cake

Free newspapers are enjoying a success unparalleled since the heyday of the national daily tabloids. Mark Ellis, in the second of two articles, looks at the problems success brings and possible developments for the future.

The phenomenal growth of free newspapers is expected to reach its peak within a few years as the total amount of advertisers' money to be divided between the media is stretched to the limit.

In the past decade the regional press has lost a lot of advertising revenue while television and free newspapers have captured increasing shares of the market.

Advertising Association statistics show that between 1975 and 1984 regional dailies lost 6.5 per cent of revenue and paid-for weeklies saw 3.7 per cent of the total share disappear.

There is little doubt that free titles mopped up most of that revenue as advertisers tried and apparently liked the new medium. But better advertising rates through increased competition and loyalty to paid-for papers are likely to stem the flow.

Critics challenge some free newspapers' commitment to the industry. They make big profits, but are said to fail to provide staff training courses recognized by the printing and publishing training boards and neglect local papers' traditional role in providing a community service.

Mr Norman Walker, deputy director of the Newspaper Society, which represents Britain's regional Press, said: "Some free newspapers are very, very good and the society thinks they are here to stay."

Free newspapers are a dynamic in the market place that cannot be ignored. They have not put members out of business, but they have sharpened up traditional attitudes and some papers have converted to being free."

Mr Walker said his society was disturbed about developments in the property and car advertising market, where competition is cut-throat.

Earlier this year Sheffield's 130-year-old *Morning Telegraph* newspaper closed with the loss of 240 jobs. It had lost revenue from estate agents to a guide offering cut-price advertising.

The free publishing industry is rapidly expanding in magazines where the number of titles has increased from 125 to 304 since 1983. Overall circulation is more than 40 million.

Free magazines claim a market share of advertising revenue outstripping that of the cinema and outdoor advertising.

Titles are launching and disappearing quickly, but growth seems more stable with up-market magazines delivered to selected high income households assessed by market research and with "in-house" publications such as those on aircraft.

Mr Ian Locks, executive director of the Association of Free Newspapers, is confident about the future of the "free" and the industry claims considerable advances in training and commitment.

He said: "We are looking at a shift. People pooh-poohed the idea that you could advertise in something that was free. It has opened up a whole range of free newspapers, magazines and leaflets as a new genre of marketing opportunities."

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Aid for Cameroon gas victims

Peres aims to restore ties

Yaoundé (Reuters) - Mr Shimoo Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, arrived in Cameroon yesterday for a visit expected to restore diplomatic ties and, in a goodwill gesture, brought aid after a disaster said to have killed more than 2,000 people.



Mr Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, being greeted by President Biya of Cameroon.

On board Mr Peres's Israeli Air Force plane was a 16-man medical team to treat victims of seeping volcanic gas near Lake Nios, about 240 miles north-west of Yaoundé.

The toxic gas wiped out the entire population of a village, travellers returning from the area said. There has been no official death toll issued since state radio reported 40 dead on Saturday.

Dr Michael Wiener, head of the Israeli team, said before leaving for the disaster area that they had brought respiratory equipment, medicine and oxygen tanks to treat gas victims. A French rescue team also arrived yesterday.

Despite the national disaster, Mr Peres was greeted by huge crowds of singing and dancing Cameroonians, many wearing traditional grass skirts or colorful robes embossed with pictures of President Biya.

Little chance for anyone to escape

The victims of the gas emission would have had little chance of escape. If, as Edinburgh University volcanologist Dr Godfrey Fitton believes, the gas was carbon dioxide the colourless, odourless cloud would have suffocated them before they had a chance to detect it.

Cameroon State Radio said hydrogen sulphide "rotten egg" gas, a highly toxic product of volcanic activity, also formed during organic decay, was bubbling out of the lake. Seismic activity had been recently registered in the area.

Volcanoes have shaped the terrain leaving a spine of rounded mountains and hills stretching from cloud-en-

shrouded Mount Cameroon near the Atlantic coast to the Nigerian border 200 miles to the north. The last recorded eruptions of Mt Cameroon were an explosion in 1954 and in 1959 when lava was expelled.

Better off than most West African states

These are the key facts about Cameroon (compiled by Reuters): Population: About 10 million in some 200 ethnic groups.

Language: Around 80 African languages as well as French and English.

Religion: Islam, Christianity and animism.

Area: 183,000 sq miles bordered by Nigeria, Chad, Central African Republic, Congo, Gabon, and Equatorial Guinea.

US 'set for new strike on Libya'

The United States believes Libya is about to embark on new terrorist actions and must be taught another lesson, the Wall Street Journal prominently reported yesterday.

Russians display nuclear 'volcano'

International Atomic Energy Agency, Dr Hans Eber, who had arranged the meeting, said the gathering was not directed at the public. It was a meeting of experts, talking the language of experts.

Basques may see violence as legitimate

Madrid - The former president of the Basque Regional Government, Señor Carlos Garaiketa, yesterday said some Basques might consider violence legitimate, since they had not been allowed the right of self-determination.

Mediterranean now clean and safe for swimmers

From Mario Modiano Athens Millions of tourists swarming over sun-drenched sandy Mediterranean beaches this year are in for a pleasant surprise: the sea is cleaner and safer for swimmers than at any other time in the past decade.

Iranians abandon Gulf oil terminal

The Iraqi Air Force raid on the Iranian oil loading terminal at Sirri island in the Gulf two weeks ago, in which two supertankers were destroyed and more than 20 seamen killed, turns out to have been so serious that Iran has abandoned the facility and transferred its oil export terminal to Larak island, more than 120 miles further east, in the choppy waters near the mouth of the Gulf.

Bonn to tackle refugee influx

The West German Cabinet meets today in an effort to be seen to be doing something about the continuing influx into West Germany via East Berlin of Third World asylum seekers.

Break-in charges involve Israel

Valley Stream, New York (AP) - An Israeli Government employee and the president of a computer company have been arrested on charges of trying to break into a building housing two technology-related businesses.

Tamils not put at risk, captain says

The West German captain of a Honduran-registered ship allegedly involved in the transport of more than 150 Tamil refugees to Canada refused yesterday to comment on reports that he had lowered two lifeboat loads of refugees into the sea off Newfoundland.

Ortega visit

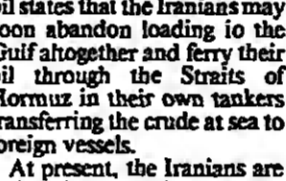
Belgrade (AFP) - President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua arrived here for three days of talks with President Slobodan Milosevic and other Yugoslav leaders.

Woman may soon lead Japanese Socialists

The Japan Socialist Party may soon boast the country's first woman leader of an important political party.

Plane plan

Jakarta (AFP) - The Indonesian aircraft company, Nusantara, is to design and produce a 90-seat advanced aircraft in a joint project with Boeing (US), Messerschmitt Bolkow Blohm (West Germany), and Fokker (The Netherlands).



Map showing Sirri Island in the Persian Gulf.

Progress on nuclear warning

A further step towards setting up 'nuclear risk reduction centres' in Moscow and Washington has been taken with a meeting here yesterday between US and Soviet delegations.

Naval permit

Tokyo (Reuters) - North Korea has told Moscow its naval ships may visit Nampo port on the west coast of North Korea, a further sign of growing military links between the two countries.

Chimps plea

Geneva (AP) - The head of the World Wildlife Fund has urged Austrian authorities to confiscate 20 wild chimpanzees imported from Sierra Leone by a pharmaceuticals company for use in research.

Death walk

Forchia (Reuters) - A 57-year-old woman was killed by falling masonry as she walked past a house being rebuilt in Forchia, near Naples, after an earthquake six years ago.

Balloon blaze

Hong Kong (Reuters) - Five photographers taking pictures of a factory were killed when their balloon caught fire and crashed in the east China city of Nanjing.

Free market

Peking (AP) - Most urban Chinese bought vegetables from free markets rather than state-run shops in the first half of this year, the China Daily reported.

Flying again

Khartoum (Reuters) - Pilots of Sudan Airways ended a one-day strike after the Government reversed a decision to suspend them from work.



Map of the Middle East region.

or share of rising cake

Relief firemen rushed in as four killed in Riviera blazes

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

Fires raging through the hills of southern France have killed four people and destroyed 10,000 hectares of forest in the past three days.

Firemen have been stretched to their limit, sometimes working 48 hours without a break, in their efforts to contain the fires in the Alpes-Maritimes, Var and Bouches-du-Rhône regions. Reinforcements have been sent from the north of the country, including Paris, to relieve some of the 5,000 men on duty.

Yesterday, the most dramatic situation was in the Alpes-Maritimes, where winds gusting at more than 60 mph fanned the racing flames.

A fireman was killed when flames engulfed a fire engine and an elderly lady died when she left her car to try to escape the fire. Two men died from heart attacks while trying to save their homes.

The fires, considered the worst for many years, have caused the evacuation of 2,000 people from their homes.

M Robert Pandraud, the Minister for Security, has

visited the area and put into effect an emergency plan to co-ordinate relief services.

He said 40 people had been arrested for arson this summer.

MADRID: The Costa del Sol town of Mijas was yesterday declared to be out of danger after a blaze, started by sparks from a refuse dump, burnt about 100 hectares of grassland and woods on the edge of the settlement (Harry Debelius writes).

Another fire, in the southwest of the country, was still burning after four days.



M Pandraud: 40 arrested for starting fires this summer.

Reunion for family of Soviet dissident

Vienna (Reuter) — Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, the former Soviet dissident, was reunited yesterday with his mother, aged 77, who campaigned tirelessly for his release from a Soviet labour camp.

Mrs Ida Milgrom, a tiny white-haired figure, was asked about her plans. She replied: "To see my son and hug him, I want to live, live, live."

Mrs Milgrom, Mr Shcharansky's brother, Leonid, his wife, Raya, and their two sons arrived in Vienna on their way to Israel after receiving exit visas from the Soviet authorities last Tuesday.

It was the first time Mrs Milgrom had seen her younger son since January 1985. "I saw him then in prison. He was out free," she told reporters as she wiped tears from her eyes.

Mr Shcharansky served eight years of a 15-year sentence on spying charges until his release in February this year. He was allowed to leave the Soviet Union as part of an East-West prisoner exchange and lives in Israel with his wife, Avital.

Mr Leonid Shcharansky, aged 40, an engineer, said: "I am very, very tired after the last few days in the Soviet Union. There are so many correspondents here. It is difficult to face it again."



President Aquino of the Philippines watering a tree she had just planted at a cultural centre in Jakarta. President Suharto (left), who had two hours of talks with her, looks on.

Aquino advised to crush communism

Jakarta (Reuter) — President Suharto of Indonesia yesterday advised President Aquino of the Philippines, whose government is tackling a 17-year communist insurgency, to crush communism before it grows too strong.

His suggested approach contrasted sharply with Mrs Aquino's softer line towards communist rebels in the Philippines. She is attempting to arrange a ceasefire and persuade the rebels to surrender.

In wide-ranging talks lasting two hours, President Suharto was quoted as telling Mrs Aquino that he had 20 years' experience of fighting communism.

Asked at a press conference about Mrs Aquino's reaction to the advice, the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Philippines, Mrs Leticia Shabani, said in general the Philippine

leader took a more conciliatory approach. Mrs Shabani said many people had joined the communist New People's Army of the Philippines, which has an estimated 16,000 men under arms, because of economic conditions and abuse of human rights during the 20-year rule of former President Marcos.

She said they were different from the "hardcore of the Communist Party, who are undertaking their struggle through the use of arms and violence".

It was not sufficient for what she termed the softcore of the rebels to surrender. The Government needed funds to give them a new start.

President Aquino is due to leave Jakarta today for a 36-hour visit to Singapore before returning home tomorrow.

Eleven die in massacre

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Unidentified gunmen burst into a suburban home in the southern Philippine city of Zamboanga before dawn yesterday, killing 11 members of a family as they slept.

Neighbours said about 15 heavily-armed men, with M14 and M16 automatic rifles, barged into the house of Lieutenant Giliamin Agas and opened fire, killing him, his wife, daughter, three sons — one just six months old — his mother, father, two brothers and a niece.

Only a daughter, aged 7, survived but is reported to be in a critical condition.

Police gathered more than 100 spent cartridges from the floor of the house in an inner suburb of Zamboanga City.

Hours later, in the outskirts of the northern town of Tampilig, nine soldiers and three civilian militiamen were killed by 80 communist rebels in an ambush, the Philippine News Agency reported.

Corsica poll re-run gives same result

From Our Correspondent, Paris

Upper Corsica, one of the two departments on the island, went to the polls again on Sunday, after its results in the March general election were declared null and void because of allegations of fraud.

On Sunday 54.6 per cent of the eligible population voted, against 63 per cent in March, but the results were the same, with the right-wing deputy, M Pierre Pasquini (RPR) and the left-wing deputy, M Emile Zuccarelli (MRG), being elected.

Precautions were taken to ensure there would be no repetition of the interference

with ballot boxes which occurred in March.

But in three voting stations in Bastia masked men armed with iron bars and hatchets broke in and overturned ballot boxes.

Corsica has suffered about 60 bombings and 30 hold-ups over the past two months, as well as serious forest fires that are damaging different parts of the island.

No one has been injured in the bombings, which have been aimed at specific targets. Responsibility for 41 of them has been claimed by the outlawed Corsican separatist movement, the FLNC.

Non-Aligned Conference: Part 2

Action on South Africa to dominate debate

Officials of the 101 member states of the Non-Aligned Movement meet in Harare today to prepare for the organization's eighth summit, which opens next Monday. Jan Raath reports on the complex and diverse issues facing the movement, with pressure against South Africa certain to be pre-eminent.

The Non-Aligned Movement turns 25 next week in a location that would infinitely please the man behind its foundation, the late Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

The leaders of "two-thirds of humanity" are assembling in Africa's newest sovereign state, Zimbabwe, and will be directing their invective just a morning's drive southwards against the last outpost in the world of government based on discrimination by race.

South Africa will undoubtedly be the chief object of the summit's attention. Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, in late July at the Organization of African Unity summit in Addis

Ababa, urged all OAU states — which make up more than half of the movement's membership — to attend to "make it our conference, a home affair," in further isolating South Africa.

According to a draft agenda drawn up by Zimbabwe, the southern African situation, dominated by the "internal repression and oppression in apartheid South Africa, the regime's destabilization of and aggression against the frontline states", as well as its occupation of Namibia, is the first item for discussion in the global political review, regarded as the most fundamental section of deliberations.

The issue is expected to be one of the few to receive the unanimous support of the members.

What they will be able to do by way of direct action against South Africa is marginal. Few of them have any weighty economic or political influence there.

The movement is credited with limited political clout generally. Most members are Third World countries with shaky economies and inferior military capacities.

But observers point to the body's greater effectiveness as a massive lobby group enjoying an array of connections with other international power groupings.

Officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here have given assurances that "proper attention" will also be given to the rest of the world's problems, ranging from super-power détente and nuclear disarmament to Third World debt burdens and population growth.

Among the movement's membership is counted nearly every trouble spot on the globe — Afghanistan, Lebanon, Libya, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Iraq, Cambodia, Korea, Morocco and Angola.

Following South Africa on the agenda is the Middle East situation, with "Israeli aggression" receiving the only specific mention.

The conference will put Mr Mugabe, who takes over the chairmanship on Monday next week from the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, on the spot as never before.

Though one of Africa's best known leaders, his influence is parochially restricted to southern Africa.

Nor has he ever played a significant role as a mediator, but rather as a protagonist in local and regional politics.

But his skills as a negotiator, his keen sense of diplomacy and his rich, outspoken articulacy would appear to arm him well for the rigours of the coming fortnight.

For that time Zimbabwe's national administration is expected to come to a near halt as an estimated two-thirds of the civil service dedicates itself exclusively to conference affairs.

According to budgetary estimates, Zimbabwe will be paying £12 million out of its own pocket on mounting the conference, excluding the cost of diverting the civil service and the armed forces, but local and foreign generosity plays a key part.

So far £4 million has been received in cash donations, but the list of gifts in kind is likely to far outstrip this figure. The items donated read like a Customs rummage sale: 16 tonnes of Angolan sea food, 100 East German refrigerators, 12 motorcycles from the Palestine Liberation Organization, to name but a few. Concluded

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Blazering a trail

Back-to-school clothes pose a dilemma for parents and their children but Jane Procter finds solutions in the high street

One are the clear-cut arguments about school uniform. Now it seems that even the most fanatic supporters waver, especially when their child approaches the teenage years. It is no longer the "whining schoolboy with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly to school". In his stead is a bright modern counterpart dressed in the best that the outfitters, shops and chain stores can offer. Boys do seem to accept uniforms with a certain equanimity, but one does wonder if there is really a case for a uniform for the adolescent girl. It is very difficult to make a 13-year-old wear a strict uniform. Many parents send their children to independent schools hoping that, in a properly disciplined environment, the uniform will be worn correctly. Try telling that to the said 13-year-old.

Girls loathe wearing uniforms, and one mother I spoke to recently has considered moving her 13-year-old to a non-uniform school so that she can kiss goodbye to the fights and frustrations.

The problem is that young girls customize their uniforms out of all recognition. Skirts are instantly shortened and tightened. Regulation pull-overs are purchased in the largest and slopiest sizes possible — and if a Marks and Spencer men's size 44 is a close enough approximation to what is required, then that is what will be worn.

The school coat or blazer is rarely considered suitable garb, and young girls will willingly go to school in sub-zero temperatures clad in a thin cardigan, rather than suffer the ignominy of the gaberdine raincoat.

Fashion is obviously paramount. As a friend summed it up: "In 1971 when I was 11, I was sent home from school because my skirt was too short; in 1975 I was sent home because it was too long." Patricia Fleming is headmistress of my old school, Queen's College, Harley Street, which dispensed with uniforms decades ago. "If a school has a uniform," she says, "teachers waste valuable teaching time nagging children about the colour of their socks." The only advantage of uniforms she could think of was being able to identify pupils on a school outing.

The regular arguments in favour of uniforms include the social statement that they mask differences in parental income. But when the teachers at South Hampstead High, an independent school which is part of the nationwide Girls' Public Day School Trust, voted to abolish school uniform, the girls protested and managed to conjure up several more pro-uniform arguments.

The non-uniform-wearing sixth-formers were the author and they produced the following statements: a school uniform eliminates the worry of what to wear each day; it gives you a pride in your school plus



Hugh in a uniform from outfitters Eric Thomas, 142-146 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent and branches; striped cap £1.99, blazer £32.99, shirt from £3.99, striped tie £1.25, shorts from £3.99, socks £1.99, and leather satchel £5.99. Shoes from Harrods

stipulates merely that its boys should wear a dark suit and a white shirt with one of the mandatory ties — for house, sport or school. Ideal for boys who wish to express their own individuality and for parents who can purchase the component parts at a price and shop of their choice. As so many of its boys are kitted out at Marks and Spencer, Westminster did consider placing the chain store on its official supplier list but decided that, for a comprehensive range, its present outfitter was more suitable. Most state schools have some form of non-specific uniform based on colours — usually in the navy, grey, black, bottle, burgundy spectrum, and individual items can be bought from chain stores or school outfitters depending on preference.

The chain stores do an excellent job in providing practical washable basics which can be slotted in to most of the more enlightened schools' uniforms, but the main criticism levelled at them is that they view the supply of schoolwear as a seasonal sale and it is down to the trusty old school outfitter to constantly stock the bulk of the paraphernalia of a school kit.

As a result of carrying stock all year round, the prices at the local outfitter are often slightly dearer. But the local shops definitely score on fitting and service. They also stock non-standard sizes which are essential for the chubbier or taller child to avoid the ridiculous.

Independent outfitters are also the best place for sportswear — which has become an all-important part of most school wardrobes, with everything from judo to cricket to gymnastics on the curriculum. In many schools, sportswear has come off the playing fields and into the classrooms as accepted uniform. Sweatshirts, often printed with the school's badge or motto, are as popular with the pupils as with the teachers and parents.

One might not expect cost to be a factor at a school like Rodean. But economics have definitely played a part in the relaxing of its regulations in recent years. It has done away with its coveted (at least by girls from other schools) flowing cloaks.

A spokesman for the school says: "They were much too expensive — most of the girls wear duffel coats nowadays. And they seem to spend half their day in a tracksuit." Now that many schools have abandoned the more costly items like overcoats and hats, most mothers agree that school uniform is a fairly reasonable way of dressing a child during term time, especially if the school or its Parent Teacher Association operates a second-hand sale system.

Many schools where there is no uniform find that they have one foisted upon them by a concerned PTA who feel that a few basic items, say a

a feeling of solidarity, and it eliminates competition.

All good Blazer of Glory stuff. But it does sound as if the sixth form wanted to retain their then-and-us identity, and the decision was unfortunate for their headmistress, Averil Burgess, who had voted for the demise of the uniform.

She agrees with Patricia Fleming that the uphill battle to police the uniform is pretty daft. But in its favour she does comment: "It provides a reasonably harmless method of protest. I would rather that the girls made their statement with a slit skirt or a ritualized holey woollie than let their protest emerge in some other form which might be infinitely more undesirable." When a uniform is absent, it is interesting to see just how loose the pupils' kit can be. St Paul's Girls' School stipulates merely that the girls should wear shoes. And they don't mean shoes as opposed to trainers. The colour-coded solution hit upon by many schools is one answer. Westminster School



Top row, left: Maxwell, 9, wears his everyday uniform from Summer Fields near Oxford. Red aertex shirt under navy guernsey sweater with navy cord jeans. Sunday best uniform is a tweed jacket, long-sleeved shirt and long trousers. Top row, right: Rory, 7, in his uniform from the Manor Prep School in Abingdon. Aertex shirt and shorts with conventional blazer. Front row, left: his sister Charlotte, 4, wears her Manor uniform of green pinafore and white shirt. She also has a blazer. Front row, centre: Calypso, 5, wears her Falkner House uniform of Wee Willie Winkie hat and scarf in bright red wool and navy and red cape. The tie, shirt and pleated skirt with braces that go underneath are perfectly conventional. Front row, right: Hugh, also 5, wears his Hill House uniform of brick red cord breeches, fawn shirt and slipover

Right: At Maxwell's school, Summer Fields, the boys are allowed an anorak of their choice. This is his — a jacket just like his father's. In thornproof waxed cotton it costs £85 from Burberrys, Haymarket, SW1 and branches



Rory wears non-uniform: shirt £10.90, V-neck sweater £22.90, check trousers £18.90, all from Benetton's 0-12 branches. Shoes by Bally, £23.95. Calypso wears needlecord pinafore £15.95, and frilled shirt £10.95, from Laura Ashley. Shoes £9.99, from Saxone and Lilley & Skinner



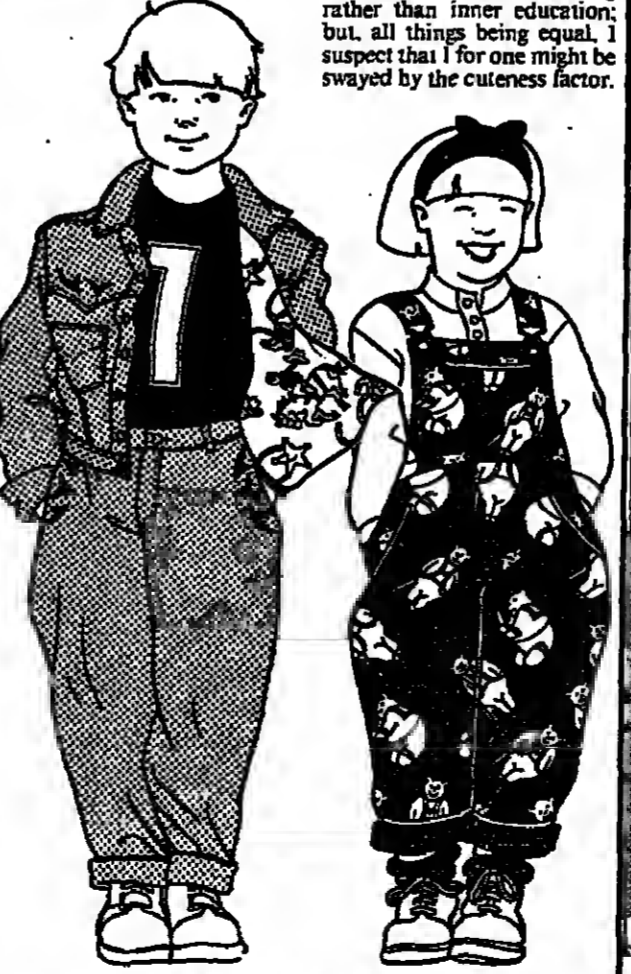
A formal Charlotte and Hugh. Charlotte's navy blazer £45.75, Harrods; shirt £10.95, Laura Ashley; wool kilt £13.99, C&A; shoes £9.99, Lilley & Skinner and Saxone. Hugh's navy blazer, polyester-wool, £29.99, C&A; shirt £10.75, shorts £18.75 and shoes, Harrods

denim smock, a sweatshirt and a T-shirt, make for a happier life all round.

Going totally against the tide, an elaborate and strictly adhered-to school uniform is very much in fashion at the London prep schools. As almost all very young children are delighted to wear a uni-

form — it makes them feel grown up — both the small ones and their Yuppy parents are happy.

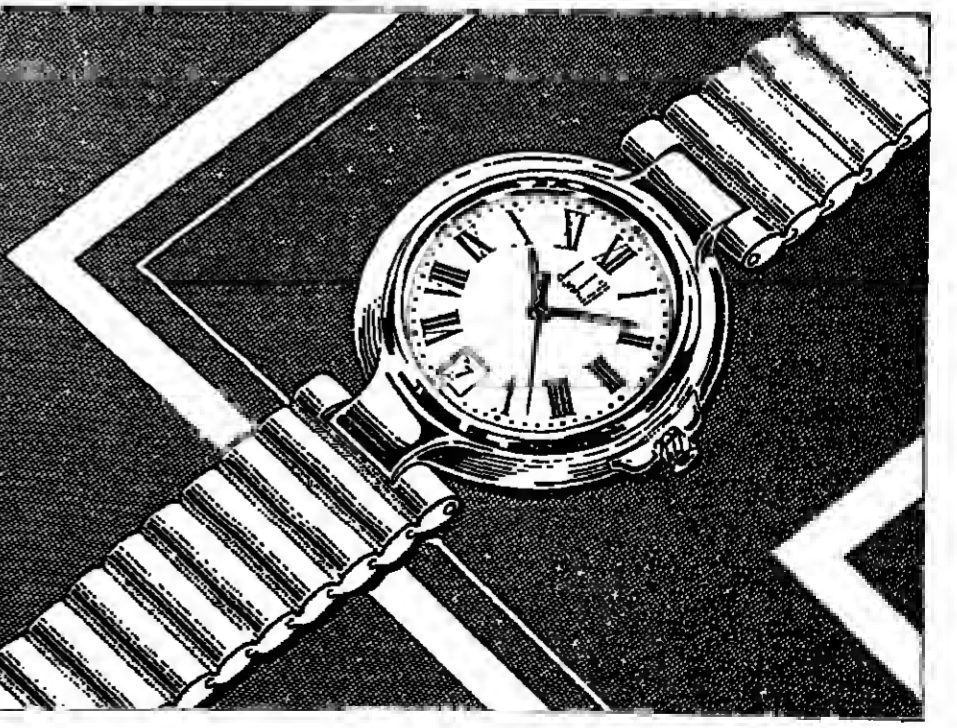
Certain of these uniforms are so distinctive and appealing that they must surely act as a discreet form of advertising. I assume that most parents are unlikely to choose a school on the basis of outer clothing rather than inner education; but, all things being equal, I suspect that I for one might be swayed by the cuteness factor.



Left: Denim cowboy jacket £49.90, matching jeans, £23.90, sizes 3 to 12 years, all from Benetton 0-12 branches. Right: Basking bear motif dungarees £33, green cotton jersey crew-neck sweater with popper fastening £21, both from Cacharel, 103 New Bond Street, W1

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Illustrations by Joyce MacDonald
Hair by Ruth Funnell at Sessions
Suzy Mankes is on holiday

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AUTUMN/WINTER
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WOMEN'S FASHIONS

So tough out on kids' row

Little Lord Fauntleroy's should watch out for the new wave of rough-tough street kids (Rebecca Tyrrel writes). After-school wear emulates that of the grown-ups with cowboy jackets and faded denim, scaled-down baseball jackets and the original Levi 501s. For little girls who prefer to be tomboys, baggy dungarees with bright splashes of colour leave prissy pinafores for Sunday best.

Fashion-wise kids stalk the same hunting grounds as their elders. Measly in the King's Road is for grown-up kids as well as their children. It sells hand-wearing cords and the latest accessories for cool kids about town: a metal lunch-box or canvas rucksack.

French Connection's children's collection is also a scaled-down version of the adults'. In the shops now are button-up grandad shirts with leggings, stone-washed denim and oversized sweatshirts in a rainbow of bright colours.

Italian children are always immaculately dressed without being precocious. Benetton's 0-12 shops have collegiate sweaters and jumbo cords which are practical and fun. More important, parents like them as much as the children.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE August 24: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, today visited the "Wappenshaw" at Flores Castle, Kelso.

Bridge team to be named today

The final two matches of the extensive trials held at the Young Chelsea Club for the selection of the British team for next year's European Bridge Championship resulted in the biggest margin in the series when A. P. Sowerby beat S. Fishpool by 29½.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.J. Cobb and Miss C.E. Crowley The engagement is announced between Johnathan, son of Mr and Mrs W.N.L. Cobb, of Cobham, Surrey, and Gail, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E. Crowley, of Beeston, Leeds.

Latest wills

Mr Robert Pinder, of The Ridgeway, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, left £126,250 net. He left £10,000 to St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, and the residue equally between the Cancer Research Campaign and the British Heart Foundation.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

BRITISH MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM 24 pence + 15% VAT (including 3 lines)

BEHSON On August 20th, suddenly at home at Boxhill-on-Sea, John Seymour aged 75, dear brother of Seymour and Gordon, died after a long illness at St. Martin's Hospital, Margate, on August 20th, 1986.

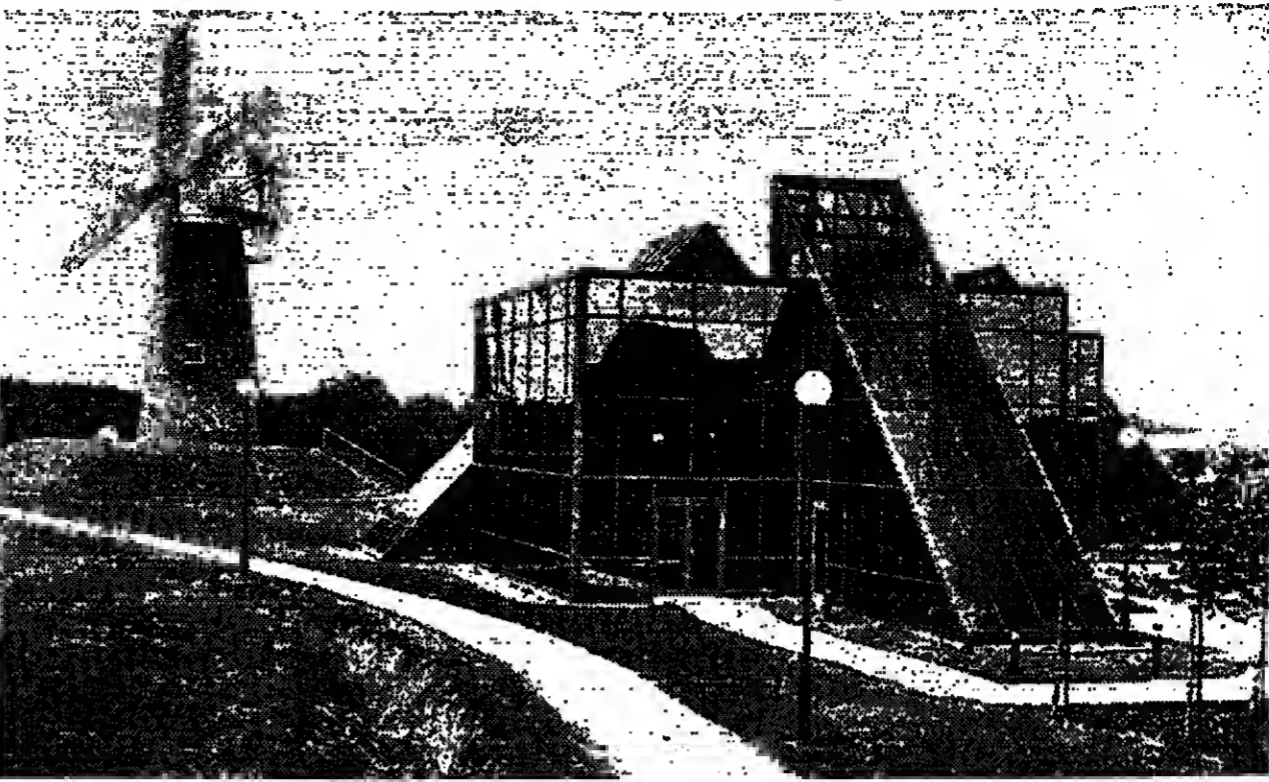
ALLOTT On August 14th, at St. Thomas', to Annabel (nee Gilman) and Stephen, a son, Thomas James. BAYNES On August 22nd, 1986, at the Watford General Hospital, to Clare (nee Williams) and Simon, a son, Thomas Edward. CHAPMAN On August 20th, to Carol, wife of Francis, a daughter, Eleanor Grace.

LENTAKIS, Michael E. Beloved husband of Kay and father of Anthony and John, peacefully at Twyford Abbey Nursing Home after a long illness on August 24th, 1986, aged 75. Donations to Anglo Hellenic League or Greek Orthodox Charities.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES LAODS & PARTN On August 26th, 1961, at Holy Trinity, Bracknell, William (Alan) Laods to Tina O'Neil.

MEMORIAL SERVICES GEE A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Patrick Gee, of Cliftons, Chesham, Bucks, will be held at St. Mary's Church, Newent, Nr. Gloucester, Friday, 29th August, at 2.30pm.

Restored windmill helps to set the wheels of industry turning



This impressive 163-year-old windmill is the crowning glory of an 80-acre business park being built by the St Martins Construction Group in Swindon, Wiltshire (Angella Johnson writes). The original windmill base, a listed building, was moved brick by brick from an old people's home in the village of Chiseldon, about six miles away.

Archaeology

Danebury museum planned

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent A new Museum of the Iron Age is to open in Andover, Hampshire, next month to display the finds from the excavations at Danebury Camp, a hillfort near Basingstoke, a hillfort near Basingstoke, a hillfort near Basingstoke.

OBITUARY SIR CHARLES LOEWEN Canadian who rose high in the British Army

General Sir Charles Loewen, GCB, KBE, DSO, Adjutant-General to the Forces from 1956 to 1959, died on August 17 at Mansfield, Ontario. He was 85. He was the last general serving in the British Army to have been commissioned during the First World War.

Forest tax loophole criticized

Steve Davis, the snooker player, and Cockney entertainers, Chas and Dave, are among many of Britain's high income earners who profit from tax loopholes which fuel the multi-million pound conifer afforestation industry.

PROFESSOR J. G. CLARK

Professor John Gwyn Clark, head of the department of modern languages at Strathclyde University, died on August 23 at the age of 62.

MR R. P. BUSH

Mr Ronald Paul Bush, CMG, OBE, who served with the Colonial Administrative Service in Rhodesia from 1925 until his retirement in 1954, died on August 18. He was 83.

University news

BAT Industries Group Management Centre Grants £250,000 to Dr J. Howell for work on the development of a new type of high performance polymeric material.

Science report

Cutting a plant's sugar loss

By Andrew Wiseman The process of combining the Sun's energy with water and carbon dioxide in photosynthesis, essential to all higher forms of life, is not productive enough as far as farmers and vegetable growers are concerned.

Marriages

Mr M. Bentley and Miss L. Batten The marriage took place on Friday, August 22, 1986, in London of Mr Martin Bentley, son of Mr and Mrs W. F. F. Bentley, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Miss Lois Batten, daughter of Mr Raymond Bullin and the late Mrs Lorne Bullin, of Knysna, South Africa.

Britain dons its raincoat for a Bank holiday washout

Continued from page 1 optimistic meteorologist reported: "There is still lots of heavy rain up there waiting to fall."

This time the blame fell upon Hurricane Charley, which began life as a tropical storm, hit North Carolina and then swept out into the Atlantic to be reinvigorated by an involvement with cooler polar air.

Yesterday, Hurricane Charley took the form of an intense depression moving from southern Ireland across the west country and through the Midlands, bringing heavy rain to all areas except northern Scotland, and hoisting gale warnings throughout the Irish Sea, English Channel and North Sea.

Off the Cornish coast a family of five were rescued by a Royal Navy warship when their yacht began taking in water in stormy seas.

HMS Jersey went to the aid of the French boat Fabulo after picking up a distress call.

The French family, including three children, were transferred to the ship; the yacht's skipper stayed on board to help the St Mary's lifeboat to tow her back to St Ives.

In South Wales and the West Country, Bank holiday Monday afternoon was distinguished by one and a half inches of rain. Many parts of the South-east soaked up at least an inch.

In Ireland, 60 mph winds caused power blackouts in areas near the coast, and parts of Co Waterford and Co Cork were flooded after hours of heavy rain.

The Notting Hill Carnival in west London was marred by the atrocious weather that reduced the expected three-quarters of a million people to 200,000 for the two days.

Many people, however, did brave the rain and danced to the rhythm of calypso music in the streets on the final day of the celebrations.

The police monitored crowd levels using a network of computerized cameras inherited from the Falklands war.

About fifty officers manned the nerve centre of "gold control", which was set up in the gymnasium of Ston Manning School, Charles Street, in the heart of the carnival area.

Their aim was to watch the crowd and send in snatch squads to pick up trouble makers or petty criminals.

Their job was made easier by the rain which began early in the afternoon, although more petty crime was reported over the two days than last year.

83 arrested at scooter rally

Several people were injured and 83 arrested as violent clashes marred the end of the Isle of Wight scooter rally. Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused after gatecrashers, said to be Hell's Angels, invaded the site near Newport.

A beer marquee was looted and set on fire. A caravan and supply trailers belonging to the caterers were also set ablaze.

It took police officers several hours to quell what they described as a serious disturbance. At one stage, a fire engine called to the rally site was pelted with stones and a fireman was cut by flying glass.

Hampshire police said that most of the people arrested were charged with theft from the marquee; others faced public order charges.

Rain severely affected all the county cricket matches yesterday, with play at Bournemouth, Worcester, Cardiff and Hove being washed out without a ball being bowled.

Even the World Formula Two Powerboat Grand Prix at the Royal Victoria Dock, London, was called off because the driving rain made conditions too hazardous. But the Football League and racing programmes continued as normal.



The weather failing to dampen spirits at the Notting Hill Carnival in London yesterday (left), although the seafarers at Teignmouth, Devon, which is usually packed with holidaymakers, is left to the elements.



A family protecting themselves from the rain on the Palace Pier, Brighton (left), and Mods returning from the Isle of Wight disembarking from a Sealink ferry in Portsmouth.



Damp spirits at Notting Hill

In London, where the highest temperature was an unseasonably low 61F, there was a fifth of an inch.

An air and sea search for two men missing after their dinghy sank off the Merseyside coast was abandoned last night. Two survivors had been swept ashore wearing life jackets on Sunday night.

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements: The Princess of Wales visits Dundee; visits Roxburgh House, Royal Victoria Hospital, Jedburgh St, 10.30; and, as President, Dr Barnardo's visits the Dundee Family Support Team, 14 Dudding St, 11.45.

Exhibitions in progress

Tassie: Portrait of the Scottish Enlightenment (ends Sept 30); Printed Light: the scientific art of William Henry Fox Talbot and D O Hill with Robert Adamson, Scottish Na-

tional Portrait Gallery, Queen St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 26). The Wally Close photographs by Hugh Carroll; Etchings by Fiona Dick; MacLaurin Art Gallery, Roxelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Aug 31).

Lake Artists Society Annual Exhibition, New Hall, Grasmere; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 11).

Rembrandt 1606-1669. The Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Whitworth Park; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 9 (ends Nov 1).

The Domesday Tradition: Surveys and Maps to East Sussex; The Bayeux Tapestry; Museum and Art Gallery, Johns Place, Cambridge Rd, Hastings; Mon to Sat 10 to 1, 2 to 5, Sun 3 to 5 (ends Sept 7).

Glass and Textiles by 40 artists, Old Fire Station Arts Centre, 40 George St, Cardiff; Mon to Fri 10 to 4 (ends Aug 30)

Recital by Alvin Morisey (piano) and David Abbott (lute), Parish Church, Hawkeshead, S. Concert by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 8.

Making Samplers: demonstration by Jane Greenwood, Corinium Museum, Park St, Cirencester, 2 to 5.

Steam awards

The Steam Heritage Awards are to be repeated next year, and £3,000 of prize money is on offer. The money will be shared by five winners, a Premier prize of £1,000 (for outstanding technological innovation) and four category winners, each being awarded £500.

The objective of Steam Heritage, an organization sponsored by British Coal and the Solid Fuel Advisory Service, and which involves the Transport Trust and leading enthusiasts' organizations, is to preserve the products and promote interest in the achievements of Britain's industrial Revolution. Entry forms for the 1987 awards, which must be completed and returned by the end of this November, are available from Geoff Ellard, British Coal, Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, Lunnon SW1X 7AE.

Orange badges

The Department of Transport has published a discussion paper on the proposed orange badge scheme for disabled and blind people. The scheme would allow disabled people to obtain a badge which would enable them to claim a concessionary parking rate. The badge would also be used to identify disabled people who are carrying out voluntary work for a charity.

M - way trouble

The Central Office of Information offers assistance on motorway emergency services. If you have a breakdown on the hard shoulder, to the left of the carriageway, as soon as possible, but do not leave your car until you have been advised to do so. Do not get out of your car unless you are told to do so. Do not use the hard shoulder as a parking place. Do not use the hard shoulder as a place to wait for help. Do not use the hard shoulder as a place to wait for help.

The pound

Table with exchange rates for various countries including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, and Yugoslavia.

TV top ten

- 1 Eastenders (Thurs/Sat) 18.10m
2 Eastenders (Tues/Sat) 17.15m
3 The Thorn Birds (Thurs) 11.50m
4 Dallas 11.20m
5 The Thorn Birds (Wed) 10.20m
6 Nine O'Clock News (Tues) 9.95m
7 Nine O'Clock News (Tues) 9.85m
8 Wogan (Mon) 8.20m
9 Nine O'Clock News (Thurs) 8.00m
10 The Train Robbers 8.00m

Anniversaries

Births: St Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, "Prime Minister" 1721-42; Houghton Hall, Norfolk, 1676; Joseph Michel Montgolfier, balloonist, Annonay, France, 1740; Antoine Lavoisier, scientist, Paris, 1743; Albert Prince Consort, Schles Rosenau, Coburg, Germany, 1819; John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, writer and Governor-General of Canada 1935-40; Perle, 1875; Galland; Apollinaire, poet, Rome, 1880.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 1947 116; £50,000: 1187 283798 (Surrey); £25,000: 18CH 006989 (Hampshire).

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Roads

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Wales and West: M4: Lane closures between junction 37 and 40 (Porthcawl/Porth Talbot) on both approaches. M4: Traffic restrictions on London Rd, Bath. A31: Bypass work between Ringwood and Wimborne, Dorset.

North: M6: Delays on both carriageways between junctions 62 and 63 (M65 Lancaster). M1: Contraflow between junctions 6 and 7 (Thorne/ME2), South Yorkshire; slip road closures at junction 6.

London and South coast: A11: One lane of traffic in each direction. E of Camp Hill in Bow Rd, A501; Single lane traffic in City Rd, Islington, between Wharf Rd and Broad St; M1: Contraflow at junction 11 (Dumstrey), Bedfordshire; no entry or exit at this junction.

Weather forecast

A deep depression will move slowly eastwards across the British Isles. It will be generally cloudy with rain or showers at times but Scotland will be mainly dry with some sunny intervals.

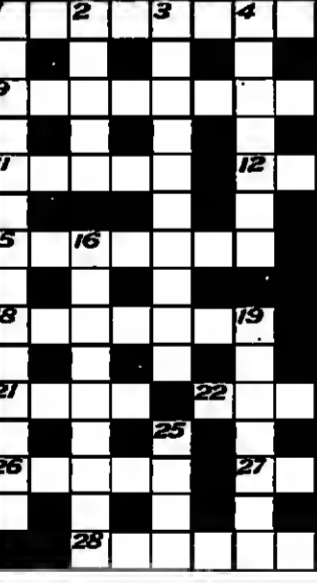
High Tides

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Around Britain

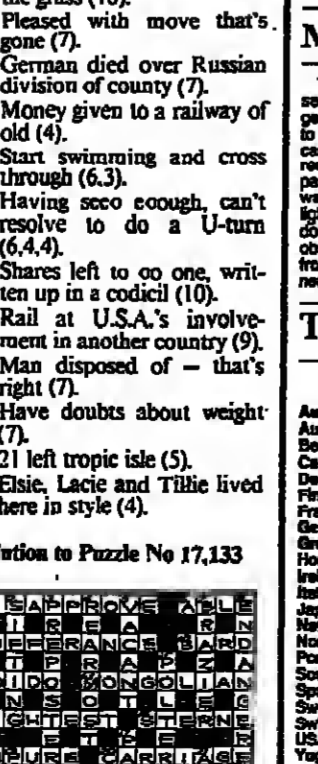
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,134



- ACROSS: 1 A lumberjack interrupts the commercials to dispute (2,11). 9 Adam and Eve had to make a fuss (5,4). 10 Several days' walk (5). 11 He wrote music for dance - heartless fellow (5). 12 Take second boat to island (4). 13 Film of Peel (4). 15 With end about due, gave catcalls (7). 17 Regret departure before scholarship (7). 18 Takes cover in certain direction (7). 20 It's unfortunately not hers to take up (7). 21 Sentimental song - I'm all ears (4). 22 Eat noisily, not quietly - what a disgrace (4). 23 Changes in course of duty, we hear (5). 26 I will enter the French city of Flanders (5). 27 Two playful children you met abroad, on the spur of the moment (9). 28 If all agree, S.A.S. members may appear in person (2,5,2,4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,133



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Letter from Sydney
Pretoria's fair
rubs raw nerves

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

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(Change on week)

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1271.2 (+0.2)

FT-SE 100
1607.1 (+5.2)

Bargains
20846

USM (Datastream)
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THE POUND
(Change on week)

US Dollar
1.4900 (-0.0045)

W German mark
3.0426 (-0.0376)

Trade-weighted
73.1 (+1.4)

S Africa hit by £2.46bn outflow

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The political and civil strife in South Africa stimulated a net outflow of Rands 9.547 billion (£2.46 billion at the commercial rate) during the 12 months since July 1985, according to the South African Reserve Bank's annual report yesterday.

This period roughly coincides with the 12 months since the imposition of a partial state of emergency on July 21 1985, lifted on March 7 but replaced on June 12 by a national state of emergency.

The declaration of the first state of emergency, "in a general climate of political unrest, contributed to a worsening of overseas perceptions of South Africa's socio-economic stability and of the prospects for the economy", the report states.

"The resultant renewed net outflow of foreign capital and intensified downward pressure on the exchange rate began to assume critical proportions when, towards the end of July, certain foreign banking institutions, made known their intention of not renewing credit facilities."

The stricter foreign exchange controls, and the unilateral "standstill" on the repayment of more than half South Africa's foreign debt, imposed by Pretoria last September, "did not succeed in stemming the outflow of capital from South Africa."

The report says the sharp increase in short-term capital outflows in the second half of 1985 was partly due to the repayment of large amounts of loans falling outside the standstill net, "that might well have been rolled over if South Africa's credit rating had not been reduced by the standstill."

Outflows of short-term and long-term capital have remained high in the first half of 1986, because of perceived threats of intensified economic sanctions against South Africa, news of continued social unrest and because "foreign loans falling due had to be repaid without new loans being made available."

The capital outflow is seen here as the most serious threat to the prospects for long-term economic growth, without which it will be impossible for the government to defuse unrest by creating more jobs for blacks and improving housing, schools and other facilities.

Earlier this month, the government approved a proposal for widening the use of the so-called financial rand in the hope of reviving foreign investment in South Africa, which has completely dried up.

The financial rand is a special restricted exchange rate, introduced with other foreign exchange controls last September to discourage the outflow of capital.

The financial rand is worth only around US19c-20c, almost half the value of the commercial rand, which is valued at about US38c. Capital can only leave the country at the financial rand rate, which imposes a heavy loss on the disinvestor.

In the past foreigners could purchase financial rands only to invest in publicly listed South African stocks or certain other approved assets. Under the new rules, financial rands can now also be bought for investment in property and private companies.

Meanwhile, Mr Kent Durr, the Deputy Minister of Finance, described as "undiluted rubbish" a report in a British Sunday newspaper that Pretoria was "poised to nationalize" British companies here if the European Economic Commission decides to impose economic sanctions this year.

"South Africa has always been a good and safe investment for British investors and things will remain that way," he told *Business Day*, a Johannesburg newspaper.

Interest rate hope fuels record rise for Tokyo shares

By David Watts in Tokyo and David Smith

Hopes of lower interest rates brought strong gains in share prices in Japan and West Germany yesterday. Prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange posted their biggest ever one-day gain.

The market optimism came in spite of official caution about the prospects for monetary relaxation in the two countries, following last week's half-point reduction in the US discount rate.

The Nikkei-Dow Jones index in Tokyo surged by 432.78 points to 18,565.61, easily beating the previous largest one-day rise, of 320.56 points, recorded on September 29, 1981.

Last week, the market had fallen back on fears of the consequences for the economy of the strong yen, dropping by

800 points in the space of three days.

In West Germany, the Commerzbank index in Frankfurt rose by 112.2 points to 2,102.2.

The council of West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, meets on Thursday, amid intense pressure on it to make at least a token reduction in interest rates.

According to Mr David Morrison, international economist at Goldman Sachs in London, the Bundesbank may opt to cut its Lombard rate from 5.5 to 5 per cent at Thursday's meeting. This has little impact on current money market rates but could signal the intentions of the West German authorities and alleviate the upward pressure of the mark.

However, Mr Morrison expects such pressure to force the German central bank into a significant cut in the discount rate, prior to the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund in Washington at the end of September.

One possibility is that the United States, having thrown down the gauntlet by reducing the discount rate last week, would then seize the opportunity to make a further reduction.

Yesterday, currency markets were quiet. Last night in New York, the dollar was quoted at 153.8 yen and DM2.0425. The pound was weak at \$1.4810, implying that there will be problems about Britain's participation in any round of interest rate cuts.

World economy 'is close to recession'

The world economy is close to recession, according to the Charterhouse business forecast, published today. Persistently high interest rates have cut investment in new capacity and diverted funds into the hands of non-risktakers, the report says.

The quarterly forecast, prepared by Mr James Morrell, says the world oil crisis has led to large cuts in oil producers' investment and incomes but there has been no offsetting rise in spending by oil consumers.

As a result, the world economy has entered a period of stagnation which will be exacerbated by the efforts of the United States to cut back its balance of payments and budget deficits.

Other countries, the report says, show no signs of adopting expansionary policies to counter this.

In addition, the report says, the collapse of oil and other commodity prices has deepened international debt problems.

"The magnitude of the oil and debt problems must be

taken as warnings that the world is perilously close to recession," the report concludes.

The forecast for Britain, like that of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research last week, is for slow growth - 2 per cent this year and 2.6 per cent in 1987 - and a small rise in inflation, to 4.5 per cent next year.

The Government is expected to push down interest rates, even at the risk of sending the pound lower. One reason for this, the report says, is the need to sustain equity markets ahead of the British Gas flotation.

Unemployment is expected to remain at the 3.2 million to 3.3 million level, and the balance of payments is expected to move into deficit next year.

However, Charterhouse's forecast for the current account, a £1 billion deficit in 1987 after a £2 billion surplus this year, is considerably less gloomy than that of the National Institute, which last week predicted 1987 deficit of nearly £6 billion.

German growth in doubt

The outlook for West Germany has deteriorated, according to a report published yesterday by the IFO Economic Research Institute in Munich.

The report, which comes amid a heated debate in Germany over whether the economy requires the boost of lower interest rates, will put pressure on the West German central bank at its council meeting on Thursday.

Other figures released yesterday suggested that inflationary pressures in West Germany remain very weak indeed.

The cost of living in Germany's largest federal state, North Rhine Westphalia, was down by 0.2 per cent in mid-August over a month earlier.

Compared with a year earlier, the cost of living was down by 0.7 per cent. Germany has been posting cost of living falls, on a 12-month basis, since late spring.

The IFO report on German industry concluded that slow growth in output was set to continue. Companies which took part in the institute's regular survey of industrial trends last month were sceptical about the prospects for such growth in the second half of the year.

The German government has consistently claimed that such growth will emerge without any action by the authorities, including on interest rates.

The rise in the value of the mark has hit export prospects, although there was no further deterioration in companies' assessments of overseas sales prospects last month.

Wholesale trade prospects were worse than in June, however.

Last week, Herr Martin Baermann, the Economics Minister, claimed that the growth rate for the economy would pick up in the second half of the year, to give 3 per cent rise in gross national product for 1986 as a whole.

In the first half of the year, growth is believed to have been running at 2 to 2.5 per cent, implying a stronger performance in the second half of the year.

It has become clear that if such stronger growth is to emerge it has to be domestically generated. Despite a record trade surplus of DM45 billion (£16.5 billion) in the first half of the year, export volumes, hit by the strong mark, are only rising slowly.

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Tin brokers to step up fight for crisis millions

By Our City Staff

London tin brokers are stepping up their fight to recover from the British Government some of the £400 million they lost on the collapse of the tin market last year.

Tinco Realisations, the group of 11 London broker creditors of the International Tin Council has sent a detailed briefing of its case to the 22-member states of the ITC, including the British Government.

Tinco says the member states are financially responsible for the large debts left in the wake of the tin crisis. Creditor banks are still owed £340 million.

The British Government denies any legal liability for the losses. A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday: "The circumstances surrounding the tin crisis, which were fully probed by the Trade and Industry Select Committee, do not favour any sort of agreement or settlement at the moment. We are waiting for the case concerning a writ issued by a tin broker, to come to court."

JH Rayner, one of the London Metal Exchange brokers, is taking all 22 members

of the ITC to court to recover its losses after the collapse of the tin market.

Tinco's lengthy document, which has been sent to Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, alleges that member states were fully aware of the hazardous funding of the Sixth International Tin Agreement and its impending collapse. It uses minutes from ITC meetings to back up its case.

Mr Michael Arnold, a senior partner of Arthur Young, the firm of accountants, and the leader of Tinco Realisations, commented: "Tinco has received the strongest legal advice confirming the culpability and liability of the member states. We have sent this document to all the relevant ministers, including the British Government's representatives, and we have requested them to respond."

"We look forward to these reactions, which we hope will be constructive in settling a dispute which we believe has been very damaging, not only to us but to the London commodity markets generally and to the City of London's standing in the international financial community."



John Elliott: transfer of voting rights puts him in a powerful position

Elders 'close to winning go-ahead for Allied bid'

By Alison Eadie

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is believed to have given Elders IXL the go-ahead to bid for Allied-Lyons, the British food and drink group. The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Paul Channon, is expected to give the MMC report his blessing any time now.

The Australian brewer would then be free to relaunch its offer, almost a year after it stunned the City with its first £1.7 billion debt-financed bid - then the biggest to hit the British takeover scene.

The intervening year, however, has been one of enormous change for Elders and Allied-Lyons. Allied has produced impressive profit figures, which have helped boost its stock market value to £2.3 billion. Elders would not be in with a chance unless it offered a substantial premium to that.

Allied has also made a £2.6 billion (£1.25 billion) bid for Canadian Hiram Walker Resources' drinks division. The acquisition would

greatly increase Allied's size and make much more difficult for Elders to digest. However, it has been fraught with difficulty and is not yet in the bag.

Although Allied secured the agreement of Hiram's board to the acquisition, Hiram was then taken over by Olympia and York, a Canadian real estate and resources group. O&Y opposes the deal.

Its first blocking attempt failed in July, when the Ontario Supreme Court dismissed with costs its appeal against a lower court's decision approving Hiram's right to sell to Allied. O&Y returns to court a week tomorrow to ask leave to appeal against the July decision.

Allied goes to court on September 29 to try to enforce its original contract.

Elders sees Allied's move as being designed to spoil its chances of rebuilding a few months ago, the Hiram purchase may have done just that, but Elders too has undergone a transformation.

Last April Elders and Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's largest company, exchanged what appeared to be defensive cross holdings in each other in what was seen as an attempt to stymie the long-running attempt by Bell Resources, led by Mr Robert Holmes a Court, to take over BHP.

Mr Holmes a Court, however, turned the tables this month by transferring his voting power in BHP to Mr John Elliott, chief executive of Elders, for BHP's annual meeting on September 23.

Mr Elliott, through the oddity of Bell's 28 per cent stake in his own near 20 per cent, is in a powerful position. The possibility has been raised of Elders and Bell doing deals together. The most popular theory is that Elders will shortly be in the driving seat at BHP and will buy out Bell's stake.

Mr Elliott would then be extremely well placed and have the financial muscle required to bid for Allied-Lyons.

New bid for BHP 'ready'

Sydney (Reuters) - Mr Robert Holmes a Court's Bell Resources has prepared a new formal takeover for the Broken Hill Proprietary Co, but it is delaying having it registered, analysts said in Sydney.

They believed that Mr Holmes a Court had filed a bid with the National Companies and Securities Commission (NCSC), but that the commission had refused to register it in the firm submitted.

Mr Ray Schoer, the NCSC executive director, confirmed that the NCSC and its agent, the Victorian Corporate Affairs Commission, had re-

sponded to documents submitted by Mr Holmes a Court. But the matter is now back with Mr Holmes a Court after examination by the NCSC and CAC, Mr Schoer said.

"You should not assume there is a registered part A (formal takeover) statement in any sense whatsoever," he added.

The range of possibilities mentioned by dealers and analysts includes a buyout of Bell by Elders IXL, a takeover of Elders by BHP or a new bid by Bell that might be aimed at triggering a buyout.

The analysts said that they understood that Bell, BHP and Elders had been involved in talks.

Mr Tony Moody, an analyst with A C Good and Company, said Mr Holmes a Court now knew what it would take to have another bid registered successfully.

That gave him the option of launching an immediate fifth bid for BHP shares in a form he knew would be acceptable, or continuing a waiting game with BHP.

Mr Holmes a Court was unavailable for comment.

EEC to tax Japanese photocopiers

The European Commission is to impose 15.8 per cent duty on the import of Japanese photocopiers into the EEC in one of the largest anti-dumping actions taken by the Community so far.

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Trafalgar tipped to win rail site

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The future of British Rail Engineering's 150-acre site in the heart of Swindon will be revealed next month when the successful developer for the redundant works is announced.

Trafalgar House Developments, part of the property, shipping and construction company headed by Sir Nigel Brookes is keenly interested and is being tipped by some as most likely to succeed.

The company says it has gone to great pains to comply with Brel's requirements for the site. Mr Geoffrey Carter, the chairman of the commercial and residential property divisions of Trafalgar House, said: "We are very enthusiastic about the site and we hope we are in the pole position to win it."



But there are other contenders including Swindon Borough Council in partnership with the private sector and a consortium called the Great Western Works which would involve joint development with the Heron Property Corporation, part of Mr Gerald Ronson's empire.

It will not be an easy site to develop. The vast sheds, formerly housing 2,300 engineering workers, will have to be demolished before development can begin. There are listed buildings on the site which will have to be retained and there are infrastructure problems.

But the depression in America's so-called Silicon

Valley on the West Coast is taking its toll in Swindon. Many companies operating in the town are European headquarters of US parents and are dependent on the state of the micro chip and computer industry in California.

Intel, an American electronics company, had an option to expand on a 30-acre site in Swindon but backed out due to the state of affairs back home. National Semiconductor, which has its European headquarters in Swindon, is pulling in its horns.

But while the Americans may be reducing their growth rate, the Japanese could step in to replace them. Honda, the Japanese car manufacturer, is coming to Swindon and although details of its plans have not been made public, Japanese companies which supply Honda are already showing interest in coming to the town.

Last-ditch Greycoat battle to win Phit

By Judith Huntley

Greycoat Group, which is making a hostile £108 million offer for Property Holding and Investment Trust, launched its bid only five months after its £37.1 million rights issue because of a plan to develop a £100 million office and retail scheme with the British Rail Property Board at London's Charing Cross station.

Greycoat would like to retain a lion's share of the profits from the Charing Cross scheme. If it is successful in acquiring Phit, it would have an asset base on which to finance such a development without seeking institutional funding, which would reduce its profit share.

Greycoat is making its final attempt to persuade Phit shareholders to accept its 135.3p per share offer or the cash alternative of 137.5p per share before Thursday's closing date. But Phit knows it can count on 24 per cent of its shares, held by two large institutions.

Greycoat's shares have fallen below the level of its cash offer, therefore that is the more attractive option for Phit shareholders.

Greycoat has said it will not improve its offer as it believes its portfolio to be fully valued. The valuation methods of both companies have been the battleground in the increasingly acrimonious fight after the breakdown of amicable talks over the question of price.

Yorkshire prospectus

Yorkshire Television's prospectus, out today, values the company at £41.2 million and includes a profit forecast of at least £8.25 million for the 12 months to September 30.

On a 4:1 per cent tax charge, the shares are on a p/c ratio of 8.4 times. The indicated dividend yield is 7 per cent. The prospectus, published on page 19, also contains a figure of £12.3 million for cash balances at the end of July.

Analysts believe the shares are attractively priced compared with those of similar companies. However, they say a fair amount of institutional liquidity has been taken up by the flotations this year of Thames Television and TV-am.

Baring Brothers is offering 8,227,923 shares, or 25 per cent of the equity, for sale at 125p each.

Yorkshire is now the only ITV company not to be quoted or be part of a quoted group.

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USM REVIEW

Partner with deep pockets comes to Air Call's aid

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Prospects for Norway oil 'never worse'

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

The Norwegian Government's intention to modify tax proposals, announced last week...

Concessionary rates on new developments would mean a tax of about 60 per cent against 85 per cent for those already in production...

The latest figures released by the Norwegian oil industry make gloomy reading...

Managers and trade union officials, who seem to have found little encouragement in the decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to co-operate in curbing production...

Mr Magne Reed of the offshore company Divi, predicts a 'ripple effect... from employees on supply boats to local grocers'...

Although the new Labour Government has hinted that it might be receptive to Opec's requests for Norway to cut its production...

COMMENT Pressures that threaten the virtuous Germans

Industrial nations that are economically unsuccessful or out of balance tend to outnumber those that get it right...

For years now, the ire of North America and Europe has focused on Japan. This has had the great advantage that the citizens of Europe and the United States have little contact with their opposite numbers in Japan...

Thus, their success in selling here and our failure to sell there must be due to unfair practices or cultural peculiarity. What would be well-planned marketing strategies in our hands become targeted trade offensives in theirs...

The Americans, in particular, now sense that pressure on Japan cannot be raised much further. The yen has boomed, the post-election Japanese government plans to spend more...

The Ministry of Oil and Energy is holding to previous years' predictions of a peak in 1991, from fields now on stream or due for development...

Barely a month has passed since the Norwegian Association warned that half Norway's fleet of offshore rigs will be out of action by the beginning of 1987...

Engineering scientists gave warning that the over the seas last May of the contract could trigger a sharp drop in the level of off-shore activity...

A week later, Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, announced that the government was preparing the tax measures to stimulate oil and gas prospecting...

around 10 per cent) and third markets. The mark has also climbed steeply against sterling...

Germany must look to internally-generated growth. The third most powerful free world economy, a prime beneficiary of cheaper oil, should also do its bit for the world while the United States is counting the cost of its demand-induced leap forward...

There is, in addition, a European perspective. With its strong trade surplus and rich market, it is argued, Germany can help stimulate the whole Western European market...

The trouble with this argument lies in the prescription rather than the analysis. The German economy has become strong, and pivotal in Europe, precisely because it has aimed at monetary and fiscal stability to allow the economy to grow at the natural rate...

Opinion in Germany is divided, with the camp favouring lower interest rates pointing to continued sluggishness for the economy, as in the latest report from the IFO Institute in Munich...

German growth prospects remain unimpressive and unemployment high. The main cause, however, is that the underlying growth in productive potential has slowed to about 2.5 per cent...

Here perhaps, Britain and the United States might have something to teach the Germans. We had better leave macroeconomic management in their capable hands.

Graham Searjeant

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COMPANY NEWS

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Aramco confirms possible curb on Saudi oil

The Arabian American Oil Company has told its customers in Saudi Arabia that it confirms its plans to give its clients less oil than they request for September if the total of the requests exceeds its planned export level...

French state chiefs go

Paris (AP-Dow Jones) - 13 corporate heads were retained and 12 were replaced. The corporations involved included nine industrial groups, the five biggest French deposit banks, the parent companies of two leading financial groups - Paribas and Suez - and four insurance companies...

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

- (a) The contract created by the acceptance of applications in the manner herein set out will be conditional upon the whole of the Ordinary share capital of Yorkshire Television Holdings plc (the "Company") in issue being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and such admission becoming effective in accordance with Stock Exchange rules not later than 16 September 1986. Such contract is also conditional upon the agreement dated 22 August 1986 between the Company (1) Bass PLC, W. H. Smith & Son Limited, PL Publishing Limited and Yorkshire Post Newspapers Limited (the "Vendors") (2) the directors of the Company (3) and Baring Brothers & Co., Limited ("Barings") (4) the "Offer for Sale Agreement" not being terminated in accordance with its terms. If either of these conditions is not satisfied application monies will be returned (without interest) and, in the meantime, will be retained by the receiving bank in a separate account.
(b) Barings reserves the right to reject in whole or in part or to scale down any application and, in particular, multiple or suspected multiple applications and to present for payment any cheques or banker's drafts received. No application(s) will be accepted from any applicant to the extent that as a result any person will be, or is considered by Barings to be, interested (within the meaning of the articles of association of the Company) in more than 3,295,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company ("Ordinary shares"), being ten per cent. of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company. If any application is not accepted in whole or in part or is scaled down, the application moneys or, as the case may be, the balance thereof will be returned (without interest) by returning the applicant(s) cheque or banker's draft or by crossed cheque in favour of the applicant(s) through the post.
(c) By completing and delivering an application form, you (as the applicant(s)):-
(i) offer to purchase the number of Ordinary shares specified in your application form (or any smaller number for which the application is accepted) at the offer for sale price specified in the Listing Particulars relating to the Company dated 22 August 1986 (the "Listing Particulars"), these terms and conditions and the memorandum and articles of association of the Company;
(ii) authorise the receiving bank to send on behalf of Barings a letter of acceptance for the number of Ordinary shares for which your application is accepted, and a cheque for any money returnable, by post at your risk to your address (or that of the first-named applicant) as set out in your application form and to procure that your name (together with the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is/are placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Ordinary shares the entitlement to which has not been effectively renounced;
(iii) agree that, in consideration of Barings agreeing that it will not prior to 16 September 1986 sell any of the Ordinary shares subject of the offer for sale to any person other than by means of the procedures referred to in the Listing Particulars, your application may not be revoked until after 16 September 1986 and that this paragraph constitutes a collateral contract between you and Barings which will become binding upon despatch by post to or, if despatched otherwise than by post, receipt by the receiving bank of your application form;
(iv) agree that Ordinary shares for which your application is accepted shall be sold to you by the Vendors severally in the proportions that the respective numbers of Ordinary shares offered for sale on their behalf bear to each other;
(v) agree that your remittance may be presented for payment on receipt and warrants that it will be honoured on first presentation;
(vi) agree that any letter of acceptance and any money returnable to you may be retained by the receiving bank, pending clearance of your remittance;
(vii) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the offer for sale will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law;
(viii) warrant that, if you sign the application form on behalf of somebody else or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority to do so; and
(ix) confirm that in making such application you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to the Company or to any of its subsidiaries other than those contained in the Listing Particulars and you accordingly agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for the Listing Particulars or any part thereof will have any liability for any such other information or representation.

- (d) Acceptance of applications will be effected at the election of Barings either by notification of the basis of allocation to The Stock Exchange or by the determination by Barings of the number of Ordinary shares for which applications have been accepted pursuant to the arrangements agreed between Barings and the Company.
(e) All documents and cheques sent by post will be at the risk of the person(s) entitled thereto.
(f) No person receiving a copy of the Listing Particulars, or an application form, in any territory other than the UK may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other legal requirements. Any person outside the UK wishing to make an application hereunder must satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consents, observing any other requisite formalities, and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes due in such territory.
(g) The dates and times referred to in these terms and conditions may be altered by Barings so as to be consistent with the Offer for Sale Agreement (as the same may be altered from time to time in accordance with its terms).
(h) Selling commissions of 0.375 per cent. (plus VAT if applicable) will be payable by the Company to Eligible Persons (as defined below) on any applications, to the extent accepted, for the offered Ordinary shares from applicants with addresses within the Yorkshire Region (other than preferential applications made by employees and pensioners) bearing their stamps and their VAT registration numbers (if any), and submitted by them. In the case of joint applicants, all must have addresses within the Yorkshire Region. By stamping the application form, Eligible Persons undertake that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the applicant(s) is/are resident in the Yorkshire Region (as shown in the map in section 5 of the Listing Particulars) and has/have made only one public application.
"Eligible Persons" are stockbrokers, licensed dealers, members of FIMBRA, members of the Chamber of Cheque and Credit Clearing Company Limited, members of the Committee of London & Scottish Banks and their retail banking subsidiaries, members of the Committee of Scottish Clearing Bankers and their retail banking subsidiaries, recognised banks and licensed deposit takers (in each case within the meaning of the Banking Act 1979), solicitors, members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, members of The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, insurance brokers registered pursuant to the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977 and members of the British Insurance Brokers' Association, in each case in the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
Those claiming commissions on any applications, to the extent accepted, for the offered Ordinary shares from applicants with addresses in the Yorkshire Region must adopt adequate procedures to prevent multiple applications being made through them and must keep adequate records of the procedures they operate and of the applications that they submit. The Company reserves the right to audit any commissions that may be payable. The Company further reserves the right not to pay commissions to any Eligible Person who fails to satisfy the auditors as to compliance with the foregoing. No commission will be payable to any Eligible Person who would otherwise be entitled to a payment of less than 25.

BASIS OF ACCEPTANCE AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

The application list will open at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 29 August 1986 and will close as soon thereafter as Barings may determine. The basis on which applications have been accepted will be announced as soon as possible after the application list closes. It is expected that letters of acceptance will be posted to successful applicants on Thursday 4 September 1986 and that dealings in the Ordinary shares will commence on Friday 5 September 1986. Arrangements have been made for registration of all the Ordinary shares now offered for sale, free of stamp duty and registration fees, in the names of purchasers or persons in whose favour letters of acceptance are duly renounced provided that, in cases of renunciation, letters of acceptance (duly completed in accordance with the instructions contained therein) are lodged for registration by 3.00 p.m. on Friday 10 October 1986. Share certificates will be despatched on or before Friday 7 November 1986. Up to a total of 822,792 Ordinary shares will, in the first instance, be made available to meet applications from employees of the Group and persons receiving a pension under the Yorkshire Television Pension Scheme who are eligible to make preferential applications on the terms available to them.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

APPLICATION PRICE 125p PER SHARE

- 1 Insert in Box 1 (in figures) the number of Ordinary shares for which you are applying. Applications must be for a minimum of 200 Ordinary shares or in one of the following multiples: for 200 shares to not more than 1,000 shares, in a multiple of 100 shares; for more than 1,000 shares, but not more than 5,000 shares, in a multiple of 500 shares; for more than 5,000 shares, but not more than 20,000 shares, in a multiple of 1,000 shares; for more than 20,000 shares, but not more than 50,000 shares, in a multiple of 5,000 shares; for more than 50,000 shares, in a multiple of 10,000 shares.
2 Insert in Box 2 (in figures) the amount of your cheque or banker's draft, which is 125p multiplied by the number of Ordinary shares for which you are applying.
3 Sign and date the application form in Box 3. The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf (and/or on behalf of any joint applicant(s)) if duly authorised to do so but the power(s) of attorney (or a duly certified copy) must be enclosed for inspection. A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official whose representative capacity must be stated.
4 Insert your full name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 4. (See note 6 for other joint applicant(s)).
5 You must pin a single cheque or banker's draft to your completed application form. Your cheque or banker's draft must be made payable to "National Westminster Bank PLC" for the amount payable on application inserted in Box 2 and should be crossed "Not Negotiable - Yorkshire TV". No receipt will be issued for this payment, which must be solely for this application. Your cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a branch (which must be in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) of a bank which is either a member of the London or Scottish Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques and banker's drafts to be presented for payment through the clearing facilities provided for the members of those Clearing Houses. Application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys to be returned will be returned without interest by sending to the first-named applicant the cheque or banker's draft accompanying the application or a crossed cheque in favour of the person(s) named in Box(es) 4 (and 6).
6 You may apply jointly with other persons. You must then arrange for the application form to be completed by or on behalf of each joint applicant (up to a maximum of three other persons). Their full names(s) and address(es) should be inserted in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 6. Letters of Acceptance will be sent to the person named in Box 4.
7 Box 7 must be signed by or on behalf of each joint applicant (other than the first applicant who should complete Box 4 and sign in Box 3). If anyone is signing on behalf of any joint applicant(s), the power(s) of attorney (or a duly certified copy) must be enclosed for inspection. You must send the completed application form by post, or deliver it by hand, to National Westminster Bank PLC at New Issues Department, P.O. Box No. 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD, or deliver it by hand only to National Westminster Bank PLC, 8 Park Row, Leeds, so as to be received in both cases by 10 a.m. on 29 August 1986. If you post your application form, you are recommended to use first class post and allow at least two days for delivery.

APPLICATION FORM

YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HOLDINGS PLC
To: Baring Brothers & Co., Limited
Offer for sale by Baring Brothers & Co., Limited of 8,227,923 Ordinary shares of 25p each in Yorkshire Television Holdings plc at 125p per share, payable in full on application.
I/We offer to purchase from the Vendors named in the Listing Particulars dated 22 August 1986 ("Listing Particulars")
1 Ordinary shares
in Yorkshire Television Holdings plc (or any smaller number of shares for which this application is accepted) at 125p per share on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in those Listing Particulars.
and I/We attach a cheque or banker's draft, for the amount payable (made out to "National Westminster Bank PLC" and crossed "Not Negotiable - Yorkshire TV", namely
2 £
3 SIGNATURE DATED August 1986
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS
4 MR, MRS, MISS OR TITLE
FORENAME(S) IN FULL
SURNAME
ADDRESS IN FULL
POSTCODE
5 PIN HERE YOUR CHEQUE/BANKER'S DRAFT FOR THE AMOUNT IN BOX 2
FOR USE OF INTERMEDIARIES ONLY IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FROM RESIDENTS WITHIN THE YORKSHIRE REGION
I/We confirm that I/we are Eligible Persons as defined in section 20 of the Listing Particulars and that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief the above mentioned applicant(s) is/are resident in the Yorkshire Region as shown in the map in section 5 of the Listing Particulars and has/have made only one public application.
Stamp & VAT No. (if any)

Fill in this section only when there is more than one applicant. The first or sole applicant should complete Box 4 and sign in Box 5. Insert in Box 6 the names and addresses of the second and subsequent applicants, each of whose signatures, is required in Box 7.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle and Elizabeth Larard

BBC 1
6.00 Ceebeak AM
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank...

TV-AM
6.15 Good Morning Britain
presented by Anne Diamond and...



Vanessa Redgrave on Channel 4, tonight at 9.00pm

There is both scenery and
sourcery at work in the
traveller THREE SOVEREIGNS
For SARAH, episode one of...

CHOICE
Pisano is no Sarra or Miller but,
like them, he searches beyond...

possessed Salem girls going
into her historical art "on...

10.00 Laure and Hardy. Cartoon
series. (r) 9.25 The
Monkeys (r)

Radio 2
On medium wave. Sports on...

ITV/LONDON
9.25 Thames news followed by
World Chess Championship...

BBC 2
6.55 Open University. Geology:
From Peridotite to Granite...

CHANNEL 4
2.30 Film: Thank You Mr Moto*
(1937) starring Peter...

Radio 4
On long wave. Stereo on VHF...

Radio 4
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Rehears. (2) Amadeus...

Radio 3
All programmes on VHF, except for
Test Match on medium wave...

Radio 1
News on the half-hour from
6.30 until 6.45pm then at 10.30...

WORLD SERVICE
6.00 Newswatch 6.30 Countdown 7.00...

10.00 Heartbeat. A new approach
to art, with Tony Hart and...

11.30 About Britain. David Bean
talks to Robin Birley and...

BBC 2
9.00 The Executioner's Song.
The second and final part...

CHANNEL 4
3.45 In My Experience. The
first of a series of six...

Radio 4
8.45 A Night To Remember
(Part 1) 8.57 Weather...

Radio 3
11.15 Enterprise. Majora
Lohwasser meets finalists...

Radio 1
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William Cooper (cello), Part...

WORLD SERVICE
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10.50 Cricket: Third Test.
England v New Zealand.
Peter West introduces the...

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS
BBC1 WALES: 4.45-5.30pm
5.30-7.00 Bows (second semi-final...

